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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is in Response to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2002. A request for a one-month extension of time is being filed herewith.

## REMARKS

The Final Office Action of April 23, 2002 has been fully considered. In view of the following reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

## STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the Application.

## THE OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1, 7, 10, 15, 17, 19 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated in by Thelen et al., 4,564,310 or Japanese Patent Abstract No. JP 4048927.

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